

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2002-226-C, 2002-227-C, 2002-228-C, 2002-229-C, 2002-230-C &
2002-231-C

ORDER NO. 2002-545

JULY 25, 2002

IN RE: **Docket Nos. 2002-226-C through 2002-230-C –**) ORDER
Applications of Xspedius Operating Entities for) CONSOLIDATING
a Certificate of Public Convenience and) DOCKETS FOR
Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based and Resold) HEARING
Interexchange and Local Exchange) PURPOSES
Telecommunications Services)
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AND)
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Docket No. 2002-231-C – Joint Application of)
ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc. d/b/a e.spire)
et al and Xspedius Management Co. Switched)
Services et al for Expedited Approval of the)
Transfer of Substantially all of the Assets,)
including Customer Contracts of the e.spire)
Operating Entities to the Xspedius Operating)
Entities, and the Discontinuance of Service by)
e.spire Operating Entities in the State of South)
Carolina)

This matter comes before the South Carolina Public Service Commission (the
“Commission”) by way of the Applications from Xspedius Management Co. of
Charleston, LLC, Xspedius Management Co. of Spartanburg, LLC, Xspedius
Management Co. of Columbia, LLC, Xspedius Management Co. of Greenville, LLC,
Xspedius Management Co. Switched Services (collectively the “Xspedius Operating

Entities”) for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based and resold interexchange and local exchange telecommunications services in the State of South Carolina. This matter also comes before the Commission by way of the Joint Application from ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc. d/b/a e.spire et al and Xspedius Management Co. Switched Services et al (collectively the “Joint Applicants”) for expedited approval of the transfer of substantially all assets, including the customer contracts of the e.spire operating entities, to the Xspedius Operating Entities, and the discontinuance of service by e.spire operating entities in the State of South Carolina to consolidate dockets for hearing purposes in Docket Numbers 2001-347-C and 2002-221-C. By letter of July 16, 2002, counsel for the Xspedius Operating Entities and the Joint Applicants requested that the hearings on Docket Numbers 2002-226-C, 2002-227-C, 2002-228-C, 2002-229-C, 2002-230-C and 2002-231-C pending before the Commission be consolidated and heard during one hearing.

The Commission finds that the Applications of the Xspedius Operating Entities for authority to provide facilities-based and resold interexchange and local exchange telecommunications in South Carolina and the Application of the Joint Applicants for expedited approval of the transfer of substantially all assets of the e.spire operating entities to the Xspedius Operating Entities and the discontinuance of service by e.spire in South Carolina should be consolidated and heard on the same date. We find that the consolidation of these Applications will prevent the need for numerous hearings and will reduce expenses related to the proceeding for the Applicants and the Commission.

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Finally, we do not believe that any party will be prejudiced by the consolidation of these applications into one hearing.

Accordingly, we hereby approve the consolidation of the hearings in Docket Nos. 2002-226-C, 2002-227-C, 2002-228-C, 2002-229-C, 2002-230-C and 2002-231-C.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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